

*Amendments to the Claims*

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a synergistic combination of glimepiride and metformin hydrochloride, wherein the weight ratio of glimepiride and metformin hydrochloride ~~or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof~~ is about 1/500.
2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)
4. (previously presented) A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, comprising 500 mg metformin hydrochloride, 1 mg glimepiride, and at least one excipient.
5. (canceled)
6. (previously presented) A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 comprising 1000 mg metformin hydrochloride, 2 mg glimepiride, and at least one excipient.
7. (canceled)
8. (previously amended) A method of controlling blood glucose levels in a patient with type 2 diabetes, comprising administering to said patient a synergistic combination of glimepiride and metformin hydrochloride, in a

solid dosage form, wherein the weight ratio of glimepiride and metformin hydrochloride is about 1/500.

9. (canceled)

10. (canceled)

11. (previously amended) A method according to claim 8 comprising administering a composition wherein glimepiride and metformin hydrochloride are present in amounts of 1 mg glimepiride and 500 mg metformin hydrochloride and 2 mg glimepiride and 1000 mg metformin hydrochloride.